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The Radio Assn. of Erie, Inc. Serving area "Hams" for over 27 years

RAE MINUTES

October 7, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by W3NR.

Officers present: W3NR, WA3UNX, W3STK.

Directors present: WA3HSR, K3QHO, WA3KAI, WA3VXZ, WA3HDK, WB3CX1.

Correspondence:

Bill - John Grode Florist, \$15.90.

Several club newsletters.

Bill - Wilson's Rubber Stamp Co., \$6.00.

Bill - Addressograph (masters), \$23.25.

A motion to pay all bills was heard and seconded, then passed.

The regular order of business was suspended by W3NR in order to discuss the upcoming Hamfest on Saturday, October 9.

Commerical - WA3HDK reported the following commercial exhibitors as firm:

KenMar	Matrix
L & M	Army's
Pro Shop	A Badgemaker
Mini-Products	

Door Prizes - The following merchants had contributed door prizes up to this time:

Mini-Products	CQ
Young Bros.	73
Warren Radio	Ham Radio
Mace	Koehler's
Radio Shack	ARRL
Erie Electronics	Sylvia Berchtold
Reed Mfg.	

Other door prizes were to be picked up later as well as those donated at the Hamfest.

Tickets & Reservations - WA3UCP reported sales to date of 464 tickets and \$464.00.
All was ready for Saturday.

Repeater - Talk-in on 34/94 and 22/82 with prize given for checkIns.

Flea Market - K3QHO reported that the front area (near Rt. 8) would be filled first with expansion to the rear if needed. Greene Township Garage area is available for general parking.

Signs - WA3KAI reported that all were made and ready.

807's WA3UNX reported that cups had been purchased and a reserve supply of beer was on hand with quick delivery promised if needed.

Publicity - W3NR reported that publicity info had been sent to all area Radio and TV stations and local newspapers as well.

Kitchen - W3NR reported for WA3KKT who was ill. All supplies and food were to be picked up tomorrow. Care is to be taken not to overbuy so as to avoid possible loss in case of bad weather.

WA3HSR announced that he would begin taking 1977 memberships tonight.

WA3HDK announced that the QUA-RAE would be assembled after tonight's meeting.

WA3TRJ reported that \$100 had been received from Dick Bomboy for the purchase of the tower on the CD farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Hall WA3HSR
for WA3KKT.

ANYONE FOR CW?

WA3UNX DON

Conditions and activity were very good for the CW sweepstakes contest on the November 6-7 weekend. Thought I would go for 200 CQ's as they were offering a certificate for 200 contacts. Ended up with 220 and my ears are still ringing.

Very pleased to get Jerry (WA3ZZS) for his first QSO as a general.

Had long ragchew with Woody WA3UCL and got valuable info on the mini quad. My mini quad is fairly new to me and he passed on some good tips. He does well with his tempo one. He was sorry to miss our hamfest but was in the middle of his birthday party.

Haven't heard much DX on 20. But maybe the reason is that I am spending more time on 15 mtrs now that it shows signs of opening up. South coming in strong in midafternoon. Contacted KP4, VP2V, K25 and PY0 with good signal reports.

Don't overlook 80 meters. You can find some activity there before dark. All through the evening it is very active (if you can find a spot not occupied by the nets.) Below 3560 Khz seems to be net free.

Look for you on CW bands.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

WA3UNX

6:30 PM

STOCKHOLM SMORGASBORD

3711 WEST 12TH ST.

DOOR PRIZES - PLAN TO ATTEND

PREZ SAYS

by W3NR Frank Grace

Thanks to all of you for your contributions to the state of the art in 1976. There were some rough times in 1976 but by and large we're on the road to continued growth in 1977.

Already we are looking forward to the 1977 hamfest, the 1977 Field Day, Radio School, and other community activities. We need your counsel and your help in 1977. Please and many thanks for an educational 1976. 73's for this time.

TWO METER NET - Sunday Evenings, 7:30 local time, 34/94, WR3ACA. W3NR Frank Grace

On the average, some eighteen two meter operators are reporting in weekly.

You are encouraged to join the net during 1977. We plan on using two meter FM in a greater share of community service work.

We commend W2RJH Russ from Westfield and K8IMX Mac from Ashtabula for their continuous loyal support.

A special thanks to Bob WA3UCP for his FB contribution.

SSB

Sale, Swap, Buy..

FOR SALE - 5-Foot Relay Rack for 19" panel. 10-15-20 Meter Radiator for TA-36 Beam, includes coils and matching stub. Variac, 110 Volt, 2 KW. BC221 Frequency Meter, 125 KC to 20 MC with Calibration Book. Power Transformer, 2.3 KW, 5760/4800V center tapped, .700 MA Cont. 110/220 Pri. Solid State Rectifiers, 10,000 Volt P.I.V. at 1 AMP. Miscellaneous H.V. Capacitors, Transformers and Filter Chokes. 10 Meter, 6 Element, Wide-Spaced Beam, 36-Foot Boom, 3" O.D. x 1/8" thick wall, Mobile Antenna, 10-80 M., Webster Band Spanner.

FOR SALE - Standard Horizon II, 2MFM, 20 Watts, with xtals for 04/64, 16/76, 22/82, 34/94, 69/09, 52/52, 94/94. \$225 will consider trade. Jim K3QH0. 864-2544

CORRECTION - ARRL Bulletins copied on RTTY by K3KAP were printed under the heading "More HR Reports" on Page 8 of last month's QUA-RAE. Sorry, Jerry!

DECEMBER ACTIVITY

WA3UNX DON

Instead of an activity for December, we are having our Christmas party. Saturday, December 11 at the Stockholm Smorgasbord, 3711 West 12th Street at 6:30 PM.

One of our members has suggested that we have a night for our members to get together to bring up their problems and help others that may be having trouble. Our newer hams would certainly benefit from this as well as the rest of us. If someone was ready to buy new gear, he could get the pros and cons from his fellow hams. Let me know your feelings about this.

New Erie County CD Director is Max Gill

ARRL'S DIRECTOR'S NOTEBOOK

The pulse-type interference on 20 meters, originating in the Soviet Union, has reared its head again, resulting in a number of complaints from amateurs and another telegram from the U.S. to the Soviet Union. If you are queried by members in your division about this interference, please tell them that we are doing everything possible within official and legal channels to resolve the problem. (Interference has now ceased, presumably because of publicity and pressure through office channels. ____Ed.)

The FCC has taken action in Docket 20686, essentially adopting the changes in portable and mobile station identification procedures which were proposed in late January (April QST, page 48). Effective November 26, all requirements for prior notification of extended portable operation are dropped. FCC-licensed amateurs operating their stations at portable or mobile locations within FCC jurisdiction no longer will be required to indicate their portable or mobile status when they identify. There are no changes in the identification requirements for reciprocal licensees, who are still required to observe Section 97.313.

While licensees will no longer be required to indicate portable or mobile status, they will be permitted to do so, and we might well indicate a requirement to do so in the rules for some of our contests and other operating activities in order to minimize confusion.

The FCC has announced that effective November 2, two-letter calls with "X" as the first letter of the suffix will be available for assignment. This provides 52 additional two-letter calls for each call area. An announcement of the opening of the "N" prefix block is expected soon, though an application now would be premature.

Effective January 1, 1977, DX contest logs may no longer be used in lieu of QSL's for DXCC credit.

The Attorney General of the State of Illinois has asked for a permanent injunction halting the operations of Trigger Electronics, River Forest, Ill. The Attorney General alleges that Israel Treger, who operates Trigger Electronics, has been guilty of violations of the state's Consumer Fraud Act and the Illinois Deceptive Practices Act because of his false and misleading advertising. The Attorney General alleges that Treger has been guilty of refusal or neglect to ship items of equipment ordered by consumers, demands for extra payments before shipment due to price increases occasioned by Treger's own late delivery, and constant employment of delaying tactics in response to customer inquiries about their prepaid orders.

The Consumer Fraud and Protections Division has requested that individuals who have complaints against Treger, and who have not yet communicated them to the Attorney General, forward them to that office at 134 N. LaSalle Street, Room 204, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Attention: Jon McPhee.

STRAYS

WA3KKT Norma was recently elected chairman of the YL section of the ARRL for W3 land. Good to have another RAE member holding a position in the league.

WA3EAY Marty working on CW for his general exam.

RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE, INC.

Report of the Erie Hamfest

October 9, 1976

Tickets and Superglue Concession Receipts		\$1,255.00
Less: Main ticket printing costs	\$ 36.04	
Roll of prenumbered tickets	4.24	
Cost of superglue	40.00	
Cost of Color TV and Bearcat Scanner	400.00	
Total Costs		<u>480.28</u>
Concession Profit		\$774.72

Refreshment Concessions Receipts		\$ 375.52
Less: Cost of Beer and Pop	\$ 44.00	
Cost of Dispensing Cups	47.80	
Cost of Hamburger	23.00	
Cost of Hot Dog Wrappers	5.00	
Cost of Soup	20.74	
Cost of Hot Dogs	53.52	
Cost of Hot Dog Rolls	52.25	
Cost of Donuts	21.00	
Cost of Other Foods	42.76	
Cost of Stirring Sticks, Garbage Bags, Onions	6.08	
Total Costs		<u>316.15</u>
Concession Profit		59.37

Commercial Exhibit Receipts		<u>58.00</u>
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TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL PROFITS		\$892.09
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Less: General Expenses:		
Construction of Signs	\$ 11.52	
Skimmer Hats	17.81	
Hall Rental Fee	100.00	
Security Guards	75.00	
Envelopes and Stamps	22.50	
Total General Costs		<u>226.83</u>

TOTAL HAMFEST PROFIT		<u>\$ 665.26</u>
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Submitted by WA3UCP Bob Jackson
Hamfest Finance Chairman

FALL RADIO CLASS

by W3NR-Frank

As a result of the four week crash program held prior to the FCC Erie exams on September 20, a small group of would-be novices gathered.

Under the direction of Chuck Manross WA3KAI, the group got its start.

After the four week period, the group moved from the club class room to the QTH of W3NR. The total number that completed this session totals 17 including three from the Erie Unit of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

The following attended and obtained their novice ticket:

Robert Kiehlmeier	Harold Anderson
Patrick McNulty	Mike Errigo
Richard Thompson	Don Proctor
Norman Tousey	Jim Blake
Michael Tousey	David Mitchell
Robert Donovan	Neil Proper
Matthew Donovan	Kim Grace
Sylvia Berchtold	Jim Marsh
Russell Doworzkowski	Richard Kidd
David Schenk	

Harold Anderson W3YLI upgraded from technician to general.

RACES NET

Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM, 3991.5 Khz.

Erie County Radio Officer, W3NR

Erie County Deputy Radio Officer, WA3KKT.

Join Us. You need not be a member of RACES to join the net.

1977 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE

Name _____

Call _____

Address _____

Class of Call _____

City _____ Zip _____

Member of ARRL? Yes No

Telephone () _____ Home _____

() _____ Work _____

Dues are \$3 per year. Membership runs from October 1, 1976 to December 31, 1977.

Repeater Committee Dues are \$10 Additional for 1977 calendar year.

() Check here and enclose \$13 for combined membership.

REPEATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 11, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM in the Red Cross Building by WA3UCP, Acting Chairman. Members present were WA3EAY, WA3ZX0, W3NRY with WA3LSY and WA3HCR attending as guests. Due to the relatively sparse attendance, the reading of the prior month's minutes was dispensed with.

The Treasurer, WA3EAY, reported that only an electrical bill was paid for since last meeting which left us with a balance of \$78.00.

WA3ZX0 reported on the work which he and WA3LSY has done so far in their updating of WR3ACA. He stated that IDer parts, rack panels, feedthroughs were on order and was currently waiting for the transformer from WA3HDK. He also indicated that he now had some schematics to present to K3QHO, the technical designee from the club, for his approval.

Due to the limited attendance, WA3UCP elected not to present the new rules for adoption until a larger membership turnout permits.

WA3ZX0 moved that the repeater committee send an appreciation letter to WA3MKT for use of his Prog Line Transmitter for the past two months. WA3EAY seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

No further business was brought up, but since the attendees were quite interested in how the repeater audio system functions, WA3LSY explained to the group in length how the proposed update on WR3ACA will work. We followed along on his schematic while he explained how each function of COR, time out, and audio fit into the picture.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
WA3UCP Bob Jackson

HELP WANTED

WASUNX DON

Mr. Terry Quigg contacted me at our hamfest. It isn't hard to figure out why he singled me out with the similarity of names. He is a member of the Auto License Plate Collector Association.

Pennsylvania drivers will get a new plate next year, so he would like your old plate for his collection or trading purposes. His collection includes regular plates as well as amateur call plates.

Terry will gladly pay the postage. He has quite an extensive collection and has won many awards for his collection.

If you would like to give Terry a hand, his address is Terry Quigg, 618 Second Ave., Johnsonburg, PA 15845.

W3WZ Cas on 75 meter phone each Saturday morning working his brother.

HR REPORTS

Number 117 - October 15, 1976

AMATEUR NOVICE TRAINING PROGRAM has five times the enrollment over last year... 35,000 and expected to climb to 40,000 with many novices coming from the CB bands. Delays continue in the FCC's Experimental Novice License Program. Expect to wait months for licenses as Gettysburg's going to be inundated with fall students soon.

OSCAR 6 is now four years old with over 18,300 orbits while OSCAR 7 will be two years old.

CANADIAN CB will expand to 40 channels effective April 1, 1977.

ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION HAMFEST had 1000-1500 attendees and was termed successful. (RAE is anticipating well above this amount at its 1977 HAMJAM--Ed.)

YAESU ELECTRONICS is new name of Yaesu Musen USA.

HEATHKIT ANNOUNCED their new 2M rig, the HW-2036, synthesized with built-in continuous tone encoder, non-harmonic spur suppression of better than 70 dB, \$269.95.

COLLINS has raised its prices 50% on entire amateur line making the 75S-3C \$2300!

KENWOOD'S TR-7400A 25 watt synthesized 2M rig available in December.

ICOM 2M BASE STATION coming, IC-211, with all mode capability, digital readout, 10 watts output for \$749. IC-230 is being discontinued with a replacement coming.

TRIGGER ELECTRONICS case moves on as Illinois Attorney General wants to seize their assets and appoint a receiver. Illinois has received over 100 complaints.

NOVICES may indicate their status by signing /N after their call.

NEW CANADIAN LICENSE CLASSES similar to USA's proposed by Department of Communications has received favorable responses in a CRRL survey.

ARRL'S BICENTENNIAL CONTEST may become annual affair under new name since many liked format.

RADIO AMATEURS OF CORRY ANNOUNCE 1977 OFFICERS

K3KAP Jerry

The following officers have been named at the regular business meeting of the Radio Amateurs of Corry: President, WB3CIT Gary Phillips; Vice President, WB3CFC Gary Linton; Secretary, K3KAP Jerry Owen; Treasurer, WA3SJM Dan Schreckengost; Pat Cooney, WA3HRX to fill the three-year post of Trustee of the club station.

RAC also made plans for their annual Christmas party to be held at the Dutch Village Restaurant in Clymer, New York. Those attending will have a choice of ham or beef smorgasbord. The cost is \$3.50 per person and all area hams are invited. Time is 6:30 and the date is Wednesday, December 8, 1976. The club members are going to bring gifts to exchange, but non-RAC members may bring exchange gifts or not as they choose. Hope to see several RAE members attending.

K3QHO Jim new Trustee for W3GV.

W3SN Bart - Where did you go on the 2 meter net?

WA3TRJ Bud, WA3VXZ, Joe, and John WA3HLN on 15 meter CW on a regular basis.

Several new two-letter calls expected in the Erie area during the early part of 1977.

W3NRY Dave and WA3OOT Ed two new voices on 2 meters from North East.

The following letters were received with the comment that "we hope you will print them." It has always been the policy of the club and of QUA-RAE to use the newsletter for dissemination of information to, for and from club members. While the letters are inflammatory and laced somewhat with half-truths, I believe the membership should take the time to read them. Replies, if any, can also be printed if you send them to me at my home address. Normally we encourage mail to come to the club post office box and to be disseminated through channels, but because of the time value of articles for publication request articles be mailed to me, Robert E. Bair, WA3HDK, R. D. #7, Station Road, Erie, PA 16510.

Dear Editor,

There is a small group of progressive amateurs locally who would be glad to work for the good of the club if it weren't for some of the "old timers" who, for some unknown reason feel that everyone who wants to do something for the club is out to get something for himself. It happens everytime, every proposal made by this progressive group is questioned by the oldtimers to the extent that even absurd agreements must be signed in order to help out the club. Even out and out accusations of profiteering and kickbacks have been made by some of these oldsters in public. Is it any wonder that the progressive group, the group that has a lot of technical know-how and energy, are reluctant to work for the club.

When this progressive group does do something for the club, such as a fund-raising activity, all of the money earned is immediately snatched up by those old timers, who didn't do anything to help earn it, and hoarded away for some obscure purpose. Seldom does any of the money get spent to help the amateurs of Erie (or anywhere else for that matter.) Even nonfund-raising activities are maligned by these oldsters. Activities such as amateur radio code and theory classes, marchathons, air show co-ordination, and field day are made to work by the progressive group with little or no assistance from these old timers or the club as a whole, but guess who is there when it comes time to take the credit for these activities. You guessed it--the club that didn't do much of anything to promote them.

Sure, the club has done some things that they can be proud of. They can be proud of the 1951 model year communications van which can sometimes pass inspection. They can be proud of their Harvey-Wells 6m gear. They can be proud of their all tube-type 2m transceiver that may or may not work. They can be proud of their HF station that is not on the air. They can be proud of a repeater that looks like a rat's nest and is not composed of all club equipment. They can be proud of the fact that all of 10 percent of the membership bothers to show up at club meetings. All of these resources go scarcely tapped. Why try to start an antique car when a complete 80 thru 2 meter mobile station in working order can be borrowed on a moments notice from one of the progressive group. Why cart around a heavy tube-type transceiver that may or may not work when a small, light, solid state unit that will work can be borrowed from one of the progressive group. Why bother to try to put a club HF station on the air when no one wants to use it anyway. Why try to improve a repeater that already works. Why spend money on the amateurs that helped earn it. This is apparently the philosophy that has carried the club for over a quarter of a century. Why change now? It must work. When will the RAE wake up?

(Signed) Rick Robishaw WA3LSY

THE EDITOR REPLIES

WA3HDK Bob

You are just a little vague, Rick. For example, let's take just one. What fund raising activities did your progressive group participate in? It's not too important, but I really don't remember any. I am not an oldtimer, having been a member for less than ten years, but I do remember having been helped by some of the oldtimers to get my license and have tried to repay that help by participating in fund-raising activities and pitching in to assist almost any cause that the club members proposed. True, there have been times when personal obligations kept me away, but I tried to keep them few. But I believe that we work best when we work together--regimentation, if you wish--to achieve long-term goals. I'm not sure your negative approach will gain you anything but less help. Let's get in there and make some of the changes you suggest, but let's not step on others who may not share your same interests. And most of all, let's not drive good people from our fraternity and FROM OUR BANDS by bad-mouthing the world from our 2-meter perch.

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Dear Editor,

Well, it is getting close to the end of the year and that means that repeater dues as well as club dues will be due.

I will be interested to see the number of "county" users of WA3ACA to join the repeater committee. As everyone recalls, the repeater was relocated in mid-summer to the WCKK transmitting tower. At this time, our "property rental" costs went from \$60/year at Haysite, to \$150/year at WCKK. Shortly thereafter action was taken to insure the repeater could not relocate back to Haysite, where it enjoyed unparalleled success in city coverage, and new life was breathed into it in terms of usage (just check the repeater committee roster of mid-1976 before the move to WCKK versus the previous year, or years.) Another interesting observation which can and should be made is the number of users in Corry, Union City, and Wattsburg areas to show their support and appreciation for a move which could do nothing to help the metro-Erie coverage, and could only stand to benefit them, as well as other machines providing city in-depth coverage.

Think about it---what have and will the county users do to compensate the majority of WR3ACA operators, the metropolitan-area users who are paying its way? Is this another way to get the majority of supporters to meet the needs of the previous few? I will not join the RAE or repeater committee effective January 1977. Likewise, I will curtail use of WR3ACA to the absolutely essential until I see improvements in this situation.

Gentlemen, I support what I believe in. But I cannot fathom support is an organization or repeater who has money it refuses to put to use, and whose sole accomplishment through WR3ACA has been an "emergency" net which has never drilled or served in an emergency (even simulated) capacity. I will be waiting and watching.

(Signed) Maurice Baker WA3ZLO

REPLY:

You certainly are entitled to your opinion, Maurice, but it is one which I must strongly disagree. I wouldn't have mentioned it for the world, but I believe you know just a little bit more about why RAE was asked to leave the Haysite building. I kinda suspect you helped move the bootleg repeater into the building when WR3ACA moved to its present site. Doing so was one sure way to void our lease which many people worked hard to secure. In fact, I would go further and say that that amounted to fraudulent conversion. And you know what that can get you!

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DECEMBER 1976

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 PM 50-12 SSB 6 M NET	9 PM DAILY 146.19/79 JAMESTOWN CD NET	7 PM RAC CORRY	1 9:30 PM DAILY 146.04/64 WNY TFC NET	2 8 PM RAE BUSINESS MEETING ARC CANCELED - S.V.C.	3	4 160 MTR CONTEST N.C. QSD PARTY
8 PM 29.0 TRI-STATE EMERG. ERIE	6 FULL MOON	7 PM RAE BUSINESS MEETING	8 6:15 PM 146.25/85 BRADFORD NET WEEKLY Immaculate Conception	9 8 PM REPEATER COMMITTEE	10	11 10 MTR CONTEST RAE X-MAS PART STOCKHOLM SMORG. 3711 WEST -12TH ST. 6:30 PM
7:30 PM 146.34/94 LAKE ERIE EMERGENCY NET	13	7 PM RAC	15 QUA-RAE ARTICLES DEADLINE FOR JANUARY	16 8 PM RAE BUSINESS MEETING ARC ELECTIONS	17 W/LAN QUALIFYING RUN-+40WPM Hanukkah	18 Christmas Washington crosses Delaware River
7 PM 147.69/09 CORRY 2 MTR NET	20	7 PM RAC Winter Begins NEW MOON	22 6 PM BRADFORD 6 M NET WEEKLY 50.110	23	24	
8:30 PM 146.04/64 MEADVILLE 2 MTR NET Hersheys defeated at Trenton	27	28 FIRST QUARTER	29	30	31	

Whether or not others outside the metropolitan area support our repeater financially is not the big thing you make it out to be. Most FMers, I think, agree that payment of dues to a repeater group is about all we can expect from an individual. It is the dead-beats that won't support any machine you ought to be throwing your darts at. What is important is that we can communicate with others throughout the county and in the city also. Think about that for fraternity. (Or stick in the mud in the city and be able to talk to your neighbor down the street.) To the rest of you out there in the county--or city--or whatever--see you on 34/94.

ARRL BULLETINS

From TTY Copy by K3KAP Jerry

Number 614 - October 19, 1976

IN A PUBLIC NOTICE DATED OCTOBER 18 FCC ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 26, 1976 AMATEURS IN THE UNITED STATES NEED NO LONGER GIVE ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE FCC OF PORTABLE OPERATION. IN ADDITION, EFFECTIVE THAT DATE UNITED STATES AMATEURS OPERATING THEIR STATIONS AT PORTABLE OR MOBILE LOCATIONS NEED NOT IDENTIFY AS SUCH. ALIENS OPERATING WITHIN THE U.S. UNDER RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES ARE ALSO FREED FROM NOTIFYING THE FCC OF FORTHCOMING PORTABLE OPERATION, BUT ARE STILL BOUND BY THE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF PART 97.313 OF THE FCC RULES. ALTHOUGH THE PORTABLE SIGNING REQUIREMENT WILL BE DROPPED, FCC INDICATES THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS AN AMATEUR MAY CONTINUE TO SIGN PORTABLE.

Number 615 - October 21, 1976

IN A PUBLIC NOTICE RELEASED OCTOBER 21, FCC ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 1976, 1 x 2 CALL SIGNS WITH N PREFIXES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EXTRA CLASS LICENSEES WHO QUALIFY FOR 1 x 2 CALLS. THIS ACTION, COUPLED WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF X SUFFIXES, OPENS UP 728 ADDITIONAL TWO LETTER CALL SIGNS IN EACH CALL AREA. FCC INDICATES THAT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED NOW WILL BE HELD FOR ACTION ON NOVEMBER 2.

MORE SSB

Sale, Swap, Buy

FOR SALE - Swan 600T xmtr, 600R RCVR with noise blanker and 1C Audio Filter; 600 S SPKR. Jerry Owen, K3KAP, RD#1 Route 277, Corry, PA 16407. Phone (814) 664-7520

STRAYS

At the Florida State Convention in Clearwater last weekend we believe another "first" occurred. J.M. Hinkle, a young man from Tallahassee, took the FCC exams and went from non-amateur to Extra Class in one sitting. We hope to have a photograph and story in an upcoming issue of QST.--ARRL Director's Newsletter.

Bill Watson, a former RAE secretary, nearly paralleled this feat about six years ago when he upgraded from conditional to Amateur Extra in one visit to the FCC office in Norfolk, VA. The former K3DDX is now a WA practicing pediatrics as Dr. William Watson.

